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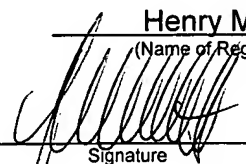
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: PRZYTULLA-21/17

In re PATENT Application of:)
DIETMAR PRZYTULLA & WILLIAM LIMA) Examiner: Davis, Robert B.
Appl. No.: 10/028,909) Group Art Unit: 1722
Filed: December 28, 2001)
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PRODUCING)
PLASTIC HOLLOW BODIES, AND)
PLASTIC HOLLOW BODIES PRODUCED)
THEREWITH)

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of attention of the Examiner to the references listed on enclosed form PTO-1449 which were cited in the US patent No. 6,773,249. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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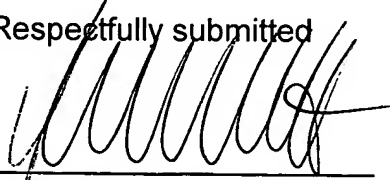
German patent publication no. DE 26 54 001 describes a mold having a core surrounded by an outer sleeve which defines with the core an annular axially extending passage. An adjustment element in the form of a ring or sleeve is

displaceable in this passage so as to vary the radial dimension of a tubular blank that is extruded from the outlet end of the passage. The adjustment ring or sleeve may be elastically deformable by means of hydraulic cylinders or screws so as to create the desired thickness at the desired location, and may even be displaced during operation of the apparatus so as to vary the thickness of the blank from one region to another in the direction in which it is extruded

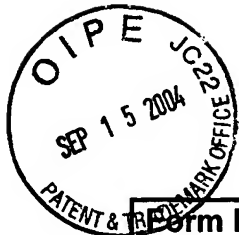
European patent publication no. EP 0 885 711 describes an extrusion head for blow moulding plant, especially for producing plastic fuel containers, having a die housing (1), die core (2), an elastically deformable sleeve (5) at the die outlet and a sleeve deforming mechanism (6) operated by a radially acting drive unit (8). The sleeve (5) and drive unit (8) are mounted on a carrier ring (10) moved radially in the housing (1) by an additional drive unit (11) and the geometry of the annular die gap (7) is varied by both drive units acting together.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date, if appropriate
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	4,171,195	10-16-1979	Klein et al.			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	EP 0 885 711 A1	12-23-1998	Europe			No
	EP 0 478 957 A 1	04-08-1992	Europe			Yes
	DE 26 54 001	06-08-1978	Germany			No

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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